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With the coming of this month the Harvard Law School completes one hundred years of life. Though the active process of the building of the School has as yet by no means ceased, as any one who has known it during the last five years can testify, in time at least the moment has arrived when men will look at a completed work and compare it with beginnings. It was on May 14, 1817, that the Harvard Corporation, on the advice of the Royall Professor of Law, Judge Isaac Parker, voted: "That some Counsellor, learned in the law, be elected, to be denominated University Professor of Law, who shall reside in Cambridge, and open and keep a school for the instruction of graduates of this or any other University, and of such others as, according to the rules of admission, as attorneys, may be admitted after five years' study in the office of some Counsellor." And it was with the adoption of that vote on the next day by the Overseers, and the subsequent appointment of the Hon. Asahel Stearns as first University Professor, that the Law School as an institution began.

The history of the School, from that day until now, from the one lone scholar of the fall of 1817 to the 858 of the fall of 1916, its varied operations, methods, fortunes, and the natures of the men who shaped them, have been set forth in another place. Sufficient for the present if we celebrate the Century. To the Harvard Law School, then, on the completion, in growing vigor and increasing usefulness, of the first hundred years of its existence, the Editors of this REVIEW gladly dedicate this number.

As announced by letter from the committee in charge, all graduates of the School are invited to attend the events of the celebration days, June 18 to June 20, ending with a dinner on Wednesday evening at which President Lowell of the University and Justice Loring of the Massachusetts Supreme Court will be the speakers. An oration will be delivered Tuesday evening by Hon. Henry L. Stimson of New York at which it is hoped that Mr. Justice Holmes will preside. Following the Law School Association's annual meeting on Wednesday morning, Dean Pound will make an address.